

Ernakulam Town Police Station—Sub-Inspector—Gopalakrishnan.

(k) **Mattancheri Town Police Station**—Crime No. 105/17—Convicted. (2) Crime No. 106/17—Discharged. (3) Crime No. 139/17—Reported undetectable.

(1) One. (2) One. Another case was reported undetectable. (3) Two in the Cochin Second Class Magistrate's Court and one in the Kanayannur Magistrate's Court.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (Kunnamkulam): May I know how does it happen that the reply to the question "whether house-searches were conducted in certain cases" is in the jurisdiction of the Ernakulam Town Police Station alone become subjudice? In Mattancheri Town Police Station no houses were searched and at Ernakulam it is stated to be subjudice. Whether house-searches were made or not is the only question.

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur (Commissioner of Police): No house-searches were made in Mattancheri. So the answer was "No". At Ernakulam searches were made and the matter is subjudice.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (Kunnamkulam): Searches were made in the Ernakulam Town and so in view of that answer will the Government be pleased to reconsider their reply for the sub-division (d)? The answer to sub-division (d) is "does not arise in view of answer to (c)". You replied in answer to (c) that houses were searched in the jurisdiction of the Ernakulam Town Police Station. So you have admitted that house searches were made. If that lies will you be pleased to answer sub-division (d)?

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur (Commissioner of Police): That aspect of the answer is covered by the answer 'subjudice'.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon (Trichur-North): Will the Government be pleased to state whether search lists were prepared and whether these search lists will not be available to the Public for obtaining copies.

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur (Commissioner of Police): The matter has been stated to be subjudice. Any further discussion is out of place.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (Kunnamkulam): It was stated in the papers that the amount involved was 3 lakhs.

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur (Commissioner of Police): Any such story will amount to contempt of court.

SMUGGLING OF SUGAR CANE TO TRAVANCORE—ARREST OF A VILLAGE PARVATHYAM—PARTICULARS OF

141. Mr. C. V. Iyyu (Kunnamkulam): Will Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether a village Parvathyam of Cochin-Kanayannur Taluk was arrested in the month of Vrischigam or Dhanu for smuggling sugar cane to Travancore from our State by the officers of the Excise Department;

(b) whether they will be pleased to state as to the stage in which that case stands now?

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur (Commissioner of Police):

(a) Yes.

(b) The charge was withdrawn on 8th Kumbham 1118/20th February 1943.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan (Chalakkudi): May I know the reason for withdrawing the charge?

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur (Commissioner of Police): A representation was made to the Government by the accused person and the Government considered that that was a fit case to be withdrawn.

Irrigation Board—Election of Members

Mr. President: The Nomination Papers to the Election of members to the Irrigation Board will be received by the Secretary to the Council before 5 p.m. tomorrow.

Condolence Motion—Demise of Mr. K. S. Rama Ayyar

Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar (Trippunittura): Mr. K. S. Rama Ayyar was elected a member of this Council in 1100 from the then Kanayannur Constituency which comprised the Town of Trippunittura and its suburbs. He was thus the first elected representative of this

Council from my Constituency. Some of my elder colleagues may know more about him and his work in the Council than I do. He was a teacher for about 20 years in the service of the State and I understand, can claim, among his distinguished students Hon'ble Members for Education and Public Works. He was a very strict disciplinarian and was reported to be a terror to all those erring students in the class room, but a delight to the others. As most disciplinarians have, he had also a very soft heart for his students. However, his services as a teacher came to a close in 1093. He yearned for wider spheres of activity and resigned his post in 1093 and began to engage himself actively in the co-operative movement which was started about that time. The Peoples' Co-operative Bank, Trippunittura, was the product of his single-handed labours. He remained its Secretary for about ten years until the time when he was elected a member of this Council. I understand that the idea of starting a Land-Mortgage Bank in the State really originated from him. Even though the Government at that time did not accept his proposal, we find that it has become a *fait accompli* now. As a mark of recognition of his services for the co-operative movement he was awarded a prize in 1104 by the Government for being the best co-operator at that time. As a teacher he was undoubtedly in the front rank, as a politician he held very sound views and had scrupulously guarded the interests of his constituency to the best of his efforts, and as a co-operator he was unrivalled. When the history of the co-operative movement in the State will be written, I have no doubt that his name will figure prominently as one of its pioneers. In him we have really lost a very good man, and a very active worker. May his soul rest in peace!

Mr. M. Krishna Menon (Trichur-North): On behalf of the members of the Unionist Party I associate myself with all the sentiments of grief expressed by Mr. Damodaran Nambiar. May the soul of the deceased rest in peace!

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (Kunnamkulam): One great fact which the previous speakers have forgotten about Mr. Rama Ayyar is that he was an ardent tenants' man and has introduced a Tenancy Bill in this Council on the model of the Madras Estates Land Act. I knew him from Kunnamkulam. He came to Kunnamkulam in those days when Mr. Kunjuni Raja had introduced a Bill to amend the then existing Tenancy Act. From him has originated the idea of having a Cochin Tenants' Association, and in fact he was one of the earliest organisers of this association which once did good work and which is now practically extinct. It is from my own native Village that I knew him. The idea of giving fixity of tenure to Verumpattamdaras was then not supported by the people and it has come into effect at least during the last days of his life. I join the previous speakers in expressing my condolence for the loss of such an ardent supporter of tenants.

Mr. A. B. Salem (Mattancheri): I wish to associate myself in the expression of condolence by the previous speakers. Mr. Rama Ayyar was one of those in this Council who never spoke upon a subject unless he had studied it. He had statistics and figures and all information upon the subject that he had to speak. In him we have lost a very good and perfect gentleman. I wish to pay this tribute to him.

Rama Varmha Tampuran (Secretary to Government): On behalf of Government I wish to associate myself with the sentiments expressed by the previous speakers. Mr. Rama Ayyar certainly was a person of very great personality and he was very sincere and enthusiastic in all the work he did. He was a self-made man. He started as a Lower Secondary School Teacher and from there he became a co-operator and then a member of the Legislative Council. He was very well known in the constituency and we all know that his popularity was the one factor that brought him the seat in this House against very severe opposition from persons who probably otherwise would have had a larger share in this House. Undoubtedly Mr. Rama Ayyar did his very best in whatever field of activity he took to, and the constituency of Trippunittura certainly has suffered a great loss in his death. May his soul rest in peace!

Mr. President: On behalf of the Chair I wish to associate myself with all that has been said about Mr. Rama Ayyar and I request the House to pass the following condolence motion. "This Council places on record its deep sense of sorrow at the demise of Mr. K. S. Rama Ayyar, for some time a member thereof representing the Trippunittura Constituency."

The motion was passed unanimously all the members standing

Announcement of Bills, Assented to by His Highness the Maharaja

Secretary to the Council: Under Standing Order 5 (2) I have to announce to the Council that His Highness the Maharaja has been graciously pleased to give His Highness' assent to